

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 1214033291189696-5[1].jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1000989.000

Medium: Computer Image File Printout

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 09 July 2010

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The image file is a sexually exploitative record of a girl who appears to be in her preteens teens being subjected to sexual intercourse by an adult man. It presents vulnerable children as a legitimate and available form of adult sexual interest. The most likely intended purpose of the publication is the sexual arousal of persons with a prurient interest in children, and as a computer image file, it would be easily distributed among such people. As such, it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.